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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.

F-297

First Inventor

Ralph;

Title

Femoral Ring Loader

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
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17. ☐ Other:

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of prior application No.: 10 / 075,688

Prior application Information:

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Group Art Unit:

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101	710	201 355	Utility filing fee	385.00
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107	490	207 245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208 355	Reissue filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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103	18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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105	130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216 195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217 445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218 695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228 945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220 155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241 620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242 620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243 220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244 300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246 355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249 355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279 355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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- ☒ Informal Drawings (8 sheets)
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